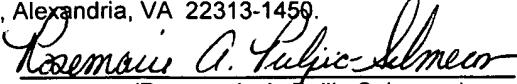


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 31, 2006 (Paper No. 20060814), for which a response was due on November 31, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 28, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.